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1. POST PLEASED AGENCY'S PLANS FOR EXCELLENT THEMATIC PROGRAMS CONTAINED REFTEL. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS CURSORY RESPONSE TO ALL PROGRAMS IN WHICH WE HAVE INTEREST. MORE DETAILED MESSAGE FOR EACH PROGRAM WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CPP INSTRUCTIONS.

2. FOREIGN POLICY: OPTION (B), TEAM OF FOUR SPEAKERS, WOULD BE IDEAL FOR PLANNED POST PROGRAM ON "DOEMESTIC DETERMINANTS OF FOREIGN POLICY." WHILE ROLE OF CONGRESS
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CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF CURRENT U.S. DOMESTIC

SITUATION, WE STILL FEEL EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR SINGAPORE SHOULD ADDRESS WIDER TOPIC OF DOMESTIC INFLUENCE. TIMING MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SINGAPORE IF "INFLATION" PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR SIMILAR TIME FRAME. (SEE BELOW). HOWEVER, IF AGENCY CAN PUT TOGETHER SUCH TEAM, WE WILL TAKE IT AT ANY TIME AS THIS IS ONE OF OUR TOP PRIORITY CPP PROJECTS. TRY NOT RPT NOT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS.

3. WORLD INFLATION: POST VERY INTERESTED AND WISH SUPPORT OTHER MESSAGES ALREADY SUBMITTED BY NEIGHBORING POSTS. IF PROGRAM IS TO BE OFFERED DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, AS MOST POSTS IN THIS AREA SEEM TO PREFER, WE WOULD LIKE PROGRAM AS LATE IN PERIOD AS POSSIBLE. LATE OCTOBER-EARLY NOVEMBER MOST CONVENIENT FOR ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE WHICH WOULD CO-SPONSOR PROGRAM. IDEALLY, TEAM OF TWO OR THREE TOP FLIGHT ECONOMISTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE DISCUSS CAUSAL FACTORS, STEPS INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ARE TAKING TO COPE AND RELATED ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS. HOPE PROGRAM WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH "DETERMINANTS" (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE). SEPTTEL TO FOLLOW.

4. U.S. TRADE POLICY AND WORLD TRADE REFORM AND U.S. MONETARY POLICY AND WORLD MONETARY REFORM: HAS AGENCY PLANNED ONE OR TWO SEPERATE PROGRAMS? IT SEEMS THAT THESE ARE SO CLOSELY RELATED THAT WE MIGHT BE BETTER OFF ORGANIZING ONE MAJOR SEMINAR, COMBINING BOTH TRADE AND MONETARY QUESTIONS AND HOLD INDIVIDUAL SPEAKERS UNTIL AFTERWARDS AS FOLLOW-UP. IF PLANNED PROPERLY, THIS COULD SATISFY NEED FOR PROGRAM IN ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AS DISCUSSED AT SINGAPORE CAO CONFERENCE (FM -37). IF "WORLD INFLATION", TO BE HELD IN FALL, THEN PERHAPS THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE LAUNCHED THIRD OR FOURTH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR.

5. NEW TOWNS AND URBAN PLANNING: ALTHOUGH THIS POST INTERESTED IN CONTINUING FOLLOW-UP OF EARLIER TP ON NEW URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, PROGRAM EMPHASIZING AMERICAN CONCEPT OF NEW TOWNS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE APPROPRIATE HERE. WE THEREFORE WISH TO PASS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RECEPTIVE TO URBAN PLANNERS OFFERED AS STAGS OR UNCLASSIFIED

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6. APPLICATION OF SPACE RESEARCH: SINGAPORE'S INTEREST IN FY-74 ERTS PROGRAM WAS PRIMARILY INTELLECTUAL SINCE PRACTICAL APPLICATION SEVERELY LIMITED. INTEREST NEVERTHELESS EXISTS AND WOULD BE EVEN STRONGER WERE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS MORE EVIDENT I.E. IN METEOROLOGY AND MEDICINE. THIS POST, THEREFORE, WOULD

LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

7. MASS COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION: BECAUSE OF LOCAL SENSITIVITY, WE WOULD HAVE TO DECLINE MAJOR PROGRAM DEALING PRIMARILY WITH EDUCATION. WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN AND WHAT IS LISTED AS MAJOR PROGRAM IN CPP, IS A PANEL TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE ACADEMICIAN AND ONE PRACTITIONER TO ADDRESS THEME OF MASS MEDIA AND SOCIAL CHANGE". PERHAPS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SAME THING. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY IN SEPTTEL.

8. THEATER: ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE LOWER PRIORITY PROGRAM FOR US, IF TROUPE MENTIONED PARA EIGHT (B) INTERESTED TRIP TO SINGAPORE, WE WOULD LIKE PROGRAM THEM AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT RPT NOT CONFLICT WITH MAJOR PROGRAM.

9. EDUCATION: WE ARE INTERESTED IN SPEAKER SUPPORT IN INNOVATIVE EDUCATION, BUT WISH TO REMIND AGENCY THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE LOW KEY PRESENTATION TO SMALL AUDIENCE.

10. AMERICA-200 YEARS: LOOKING FORWARD COOKE SERIES TWO MONTH PERIOD OCTOBER-NOVEMBER.

11. BUSINESS AND THE ARTS: POST STILL INTERESTED IN GIDEON CHAGY. SEPTTEL TO FOLLOW.

12. THINKING AHEAD, POST WOULD LIKE PLAN FOR MAJOR PROGRAM " SCIENCE AND HUMAN VALUES". FOR JULY 1975. PROGRAM WOULD CONSIST OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIMILAR TO ENERGY TEAM PROGRAMMED IN SINGAPORE LAST MAY. NICHOLS

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